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JAPAN.

Report from Tokyo—Plague in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, May 4, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since my last report, dated April 24, no case of plague has been met with in any part of Japan proper, and this despite the onset of warm spring weather and the occurrence of single cases, already reported to you, in Wakayama on April 10 and in Nagasaki on the 18th.

The governor-general of Formosa continues to report a considerable outbreak in the districts of Tainan and Taihoku. I am unable to give consecutive statistics, but the magnitude of the epidemic may be estimated from the following returns of April 21, 22, and 23, and the 26th, 27th, and 28th of the same month: April 21, Taihoku, 2 new cases, 2 deaths; Tainan, 20 new cases, 29 deaths. April 22, Taihoku, 1 new case; Tainan, 45 fresh cases, 34 deaths. April 23, Taihoku, 3 new cases, 3 deaths. April 26, Tainan, 35 new cases, 24 deaths. April 27, Tainan, 44 new cases, 11 deaths; Taihoku, 7 new cases, 4 deaths; Taichu, 10 new cases. April 28, Taichu, 3 new cases, 3 deaths.

I have before notified you of the presence of rinderpest in Tokyo. The latest returns show that some 92 unquestionable and 231 doubtful cases of this disease occurred during April in that city. The authorities have already expended some 20,000 yen in combatting this outbreak of the epizootic.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report of typhus fever in the City of Mexico, from April, 1900 to April, 1901.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 8, 1901.

SIR: In compliance with the instructions contained in your dispatch, No. 181, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to state that typhus and typhoid fever are at all times more or less endemically prevalent in this city, but such an epidemic has never existed during my residence in Mexico, viz, since August, 1897, and it is in the homes of the poor class where all sanitary laws are disregarded, that the disease is most common.

I am informed by Dr. A. W. Parsons, one of the prominent American physicians of this city, that only about 10 deaths from the above-named causes have occurred in the English-speaking colony in the past twelve months.

The death rate from all causes, is large, as shown below, but the class above referred to is, by far, the greatest sufferer on account of its heedlessness of the sanitary regulations and its apparent aversion to ordinary cleanliness.

The great sewerage system, about which so much has already been said and written, is nearing completion, the tunnel and ditch being finished, and the drain pipes are now being laid in the city. When once this system is in operation I believe the mortality will be greatly

diminished, but as long as the condition, which at present exists in some parts of the city continues, the death rate will be large.

According to the census taken in October, 1900, the population of the City of Mexico is 368,777, and I give next below by weeks the deaths from typhus, typhoid fever, and all other causes from April 23, 1900, to April 28, 1901, to wit:

For week ended—	Typhus.	Typhoid.	Other causes.	For week ended—	Typhus.	Typhoid.	Other causes.
1900.				1900.			
April 29.....	10	0	398	November 18.....	13	0	390
May 6.....	9	1	406	November 25.....	11	0	345
May 13.....	11	0	364	December 2.....	11	0	378
May 20.....	8	1	361	December 9.....	6	0	331
May 27.....	5	1	387	December 16.....	10	0	328
June 3.....	4	0	378	December 23.....	8	0	349
June 10.....	8	0	341	December 30.....	6	0	230
June 17.....	9	0	377	1901.			
June 24.....	13	1	407	January 6.....	18	0	269
July 1.....	10	1	399	January 13.....	8	1	262
July 8.....	5	1	359	January 20.....	10	1	338
July 15.....	4	1	326	January 27.....	21	1	345
July 22.....	8	0	344	February 3.....	13	1	357
July 29.....	6	0	309	February 10.....	23	1	460
August 5.....	11	0	295	February 17.....	26	0	459
August 12.....	11	0	333	February 24.....	17	1	476
August 19.....	8	0	325	March 3.....	14	1	392
August 26.....	10	1	316	March 10.....	24	0	414
September 2.....	9	0	352	March 17.....	28	2	433
September 9.....	9	0	370	March 24.....	28	1	476
September 16.....	10	0	374	March 31.....	43	0	491
September 23.....	11	0	312	April 7.....	31	0	539
September 30.....	12	1	350	April 14.....	46	1	484
October 7.....	11	0	332	April 21.....	46	2	494
October 14.....	10	1	346	April 28.....	33	3	592
October 21.....	10	0	346	Total.....			
October 28.....	15	2	375		765	28	19,943
November 4.....	19	0	370				
November 11.....	5	0	359				

It can be seen from the above that the total deaths during the rainy season (June, July, August, and September) from typhus and typhoid fever was 164, and from all other causes 6,267, and for the same length of time during the dry season, taking the months of January, February, March, and April, from typhus and typhoid fevers, 445, and from all other causes, 7,281, thus demonstrating the wet to be the healthier, for the reason that the sewers are flushed and the city cleansed by the daily rains.

Respectfully,

ANDREW D. BARLOW,
Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Report from Progreso.

PROGRESO, MEXICO, May 18, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended May 18, 1901:

There were 5 deaths from all causes, none being from any contagious disease.

The general sanitary condition of the town is excellent at present, but as soon as the rainy season sets in and the swamps around the place fill up with water things are liable to be different.

According to a report in the daily paper from Merida, there were 123 houses disinfected there during the past month.

The epidemic of smallpox in that city is on the decline, with every indication of it being stamped out in the near future.